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SEVENTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed
to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of
the listed document is also enclosed. A copy of a letter from
the Australian Patent Office, dated April 26, 2002, is also
enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and the listed document
may be relevant for the reasons noted thereon.

The Australian Patent Office letter also refers to
U.S. Patent No. 5,879,439 as an English language equivalent of JP
10-46074. U.S. Patent No. 5,879,439 (to Nagai et al.) was cited

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in the April 20, 2000 Office Action (see page 15) and, therefore, is not cited herein.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

PETITION

Applicants are in receipt of a final Official Action dated April 9, 2002 in this application. Therefore, Applicants petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 that this Information Disclosure Statement be made of record in this application.

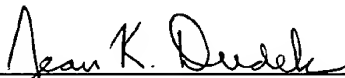
We also enclose a check for the required petition fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(3).

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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